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Supervisor of Elections Encourages Voters to Return Vote-by-Mail Ballots on Time for 2020 General Election

Leon County, FL – Mark S. Earley, Supervisor of Elections for Leon County, encourages voters to return their Vote-by-Mail ballots on time for the 2020 General Election. "Voters should take action now to ensure that their Vote-by-Mail ballot will be received by the Elections Office by 7:00 pm on Election Day, November 3rd said Supervisor Earley. "If your ballot is received late, we cannot count it. If you have not mailed your ballot by October 27th, I recommend that you drop it off at a Vote-by-Mail drop box or hand deliver it to the Elections Office. Of course, if in-person drop off is not an option, using the Post Office might still be your best bet, or call my office for more options."

Drop boxes are located outside each Early Voting site during voting hours. Each drop box is staffed by election personnel to ensure ballots are secure. Voted ballots must be returned in the green envelope signed by the voter.

If your green ballot return envelope has become sealed shut due to moisture or humidity, you can call the Elections Office to request a replacement envelope be sent to you or visit the Elections Office at 29901- Apalachee Parkway to pick up a replacement. Alternatively, you can carefully open the flap on the return envelope, place your voted ballot inside the envelope, sign over the flap, and tape the flap shut over your signature.

After Early Voting ends, drive-up mail ballot drop boxes will be available in the parking area outside the Elections Office so voters can deposit their ballots without leaving their vehicle. The drive-up drop boxes will be available from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Monday, November 2nd and from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd.

In addition to voting by mail, voters have the option to Early Vote or vote at the polls on Election Day. Voters who have requested a Vote-by-Mail ballot can still Early Vote or vote on Election Day as long as they have not yet returned their Vote-by-Mail ballot. Early Voting is available daily through Sunday, November 1st. The list of Early Voting hours and locations can be found at LeonVotes.gov, and in the Election Guide which was mailed to all voters. On Election Day, voters need to cast a ballot at either their assigned polling place or at the Elections Office. Voters can find their assigned polling place on their voter information card or at LeonVotes.gov by clicking the "Your Voter Info" button.

Voters with questions, are encouraged to contact the Supervisor of Elections Office by email at vote@LeonVotes.gov, or by phone at (850) 606-8683, Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

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